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And heaven and nature sing."

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That you and yours may enjoy a most blessed Christmas season and a New Year of peace and prosperity is both the sincere wish and the earnest prayer of Central Seminary's

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From the President's Heart to Yours

Friends:

Of all the seasons, Christmas is the time for the heart to speak to the heart. Baffling man's comprehension but stirring his hope and strengthening his faith, the Christmas message comes from God's own pure heart of love and satifies the needs of heart and life of us all.

What a wonderous story! God became man and dwelt among us! How exquisitely simple and chaste is the mysterious event's original and authentic narration! Even twenty centuries after the fact the contemplation of it begets a climate or an atmosphere in which nothing so coarse and base as insincerity or so low and mean as selfishness can thrive, or even survive.

To have entered into the labors of those more worthy successors and colleagues, and thus to have had for several years a small part in the strengthening and developing of Central Seminary—an institution committed and dedicated to its assigned phase of the program of carrying the gospel of peace and good will "to all people"—is a source of joy and satisfaction on the one hand and of keenly felt responsibility on the other.

The joy and satisfaction come not only from the conviction that this is preeminently a work close to the heart of our Saviour, but also from the realization that it is a task in which many throughout our constituency, both as individuals and as members of groups, are increasingly conscious of their responsibility for the work, and are gladly sharing in it.

From the heart to the heart I speak when I say, in the name of Central Seminary, that we are grateful for your willingness to share in such fine fashion the joy and the obligation of the enterprise committed by our Lord and His Church to us all. We covet continued interest in your prayers, even as we assure you of ours in your behalf.

Centrally yours,

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It's Christmas !

It's Christmas! It's Christmas!

For generations, children's voices have shouted this joyous greeting to one another and to all whom they meet. The fervor of their young hearts kindles a glow in the hearts and souls of young and old. Men and women greet one another with a "Merry Christmas", "A Blessed Christmas to You", and similar words. On the busy streets of city and town, even there a kindly spirit makes itself felt. What has happened? What does it mean? The answer is that somehow in some way a message has come, good news has been proclaimed to this people. It is the heavenly message, "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord". Wherever this ancient message is heard, and received, and lived, to that person, to that home, to that people, Christmas has come. Wherever this Saviour is not known, and this message not heard, there is no Christmas.

It is fitting that in our churches and in our homes, all of us, great and small, listen to the voices of the children as they sing the message;

"Who is He in yonder stall,
At Whose feet the shepherds fall?
'Tis the Lord, O wondrous story,
'Tis the Lord, the King of Glory.
At his feet, we humbly fall;
Crown Him, Crown Him, Lord of all!"

It is fitting that in our schools, the youth of the land, young men and maidens encourage and inspire one another with this same message in sacred song. The Christmas Hymn of Phillip Brooks embodies an appropriate prayer.

"O Holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend on us we pray,
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels
The Great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel."

We live in a world which is uncertain of itself, unable to find security, helpless to inspire confidence or to give assurance of peace. But Christ says: "Ye believe in God, believe also in me". Faith gives confidence. Christ says: "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out".

In Him there is security. Christ says: "I lay down my life for the sheep". In Him we have confidence. Christ says: "My peace I give unto you". In Him we have the assurance of peace. These

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blessings are for us to receive. Let us thank God for them.

They are also for us to give to others. Christ calls individual believers and He calls the whole Church to proclaim to an ailing world the love of God who gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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The Matriculation Service

Again the attention of our readers is called to our Matriculation Service in the Saint Timothy Chapel, on January 6th at 10:30 in the morning. The speaker will be the Rev. Prof. Edward J. Mattson, S.T.D. of our faculty.

While it is a public service and everyone is cordially invited, special effort is being made this year to secure the presence of the parents, the pastors and any special friends of those to be matriculated. Also, as has been the case in recent years, the authorities at Midland College are kindly co-operating in our attempt to secure the attendance of all the pre-theological students there.

Matriculation is a significant occasion in the life of a theological student. We at Central want to make it increasingly so and are inviting you to assist us.

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Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lyders, Fremont, Nebraska For: Purchase of print of Martin Luther film	$1

Capsule Comments . .

What a fine constituency it is which we are blessed! Hardly had the issue of the Bulletin been delivered b Mr. Oscar Lyders, Fremont, came in the check for $150.00 with which we purchase a print of the Martin L film. For this additional and gene contribution from Mr. and Mrs. Lyde are deeply grateful.

We do have a fine group of loyal porters. Do you wish added evidence? it is. Recently President Keisler sto in the home of some other fine frien the Seminary and was offered the of the Luther film. He could only re that that particular item had alr been cared for. Doubtless you will the name of those good people in columns soon.

Through the kindness of Mr. Willia Kentopp, a member of our Board, faculty and staff of the Seminary, their wives or husbands, enjoyed a l turkey dinner in the Seminary dorm on the evening of December 23rd. entire group is grateful for Mr. Ken kind thought and act.

Dr. Syre spent a few days in New City recently as a member of the U commission on Marriage and Divor

One of President Keisler's recent s ing engagements was before the L Club on the campus of the Colora and M. College, Fort Collins.